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MEASURING AND CONTROLLING BLADE

DEPTH OF A TISSUE CUTTING APPARATUS IN AN ENDOSCOPIC

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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

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Responsive to the Office Communication mailed December 4, 2003 (Paper No. 14) in connection with the above identified application (which was received by us for the first time on July 27, 2004), Applicant respectfully requests entry of the following amendment and reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections in view thereof and the remarks contained herein. Applicant respectfully submits that entry of this amendment is proper in that it places the claims in condition for allowance:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

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